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San Francisco Maritime Turns 25



In a sense, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park's journey goes back at least 127 years — when its oldest resource, the square-rigger *Balclutha*, was launched into Scotland's Clyde River. The park also owes a debt to early-1900s open space activists who protected a slice of San Francisco's northern shoreline, and the Works Progress Administration (WPA), which built today's Maritime Museum in the 1930s.

But it was decades before the park left the dock. A private Maritime Museum opened in the 1950s, and the State of California created a maritime park in the 1960s. The National Park Service gathered together the maritime cultural resources along the western waterfront as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the 1970s, and on June 27, 1988, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park was established to preserve, interpret and protect them.

From the beginning, preservation planning was a priority, and staff identified resource needs and developed implementation strategies. Best-sellers from the early years included Historic Structure Reports, a Statement for Management, and a Resource Management Plan. All these studies, and more, eventually folded up into the park's guiding planning document, the 1997 General Management Plan.

At the same time, the resources themselves needed preservation, and the new park needed to establish interpretation and education strategies to serve its visitors.

Staff crafted a Long Range Interpretative Plan to recommend media and programs to articulate park themes and enhance visitor experience, and worked with the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association (the park's Cooperating Association and founder of the original San Francisco Maritime Museum) to create an array of youth education programs.

Even as the park's collections, library and archives professionals were converting paper records to computer databases, and treating and restoring delicate objects, park shipwrights, riggers and project managers were tackling some preservation heavyweights. The *Balclutha*, *Eureka*, *Eppleton Hall*, *Hercules*, *Thayer* and *Alma* were all drydocked at least once. Of the two large vessels most at risk, *Thayer* was able to be rehabilitated, but *Wapama* was not.

The park made headway on land, too. An historic lease enabled rehabilitation of the Haslett Warehouse, created the park's first visitor center on the ground floor, and provided a revenue stream to

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Celebrating The Best of 1988-2013

Photo, far left, Balloons and bunting help to mark the dramatic relaunching of the nearly-rebuilt lumber schooner *C. A. Thayer*. Shown here on the Alameda, CA waterfront after being moved two miles along city streets from a seaplane hangar where the restoration work was done, 2007.

Photo, left, a Park Ranger giving a tour of the newly refurbished Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building (Maritime Museum), 2008.

Photo, below, left, the 1886 square-rigger *Balclutha* receiving significant maintenance at a Bay Area dry dock, 1997.

Welcome

This June marks the park's 25th anniversary as a unit of the National Park System. Staff have been compiling photos to illustrate (just a tiny bit) of that quarter century. I hope you'll visit our website this summer and peruse our "family album!"

While looking back can be both fun and educational, the park is focused on the future. We are committed to being the best stewards possible of America's maritime heritage and to finding new ways to engage the public's hearts, minds, and hands (come be a park volunteer—we need you!) in our mission.

For *The Maritime News*, though, the voyage is coming to an end. This will be our last edition. But you will soon be able to find, follow, like, and friend park stories, events, and photos using a variety of social media.

It's going to be a busy season. Our 1886 *Alma*'s public sailing programs begin in June. The Maritime Museum will be a great location to view the Bay's competitive racing starting in July. And Hyde Street Pier will host an all-day Sea Music Festival this September.

Please join us this summer, and become part of our next 25 years!

Craig Kenkel
Superintendent



1 San Francisco Maritime NHP 1988-2013

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2 Images From The Past 25 Years

Park Website:
www.nps.gov/safr



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Some of us have been getting ready for the America's Cup yacht race on San Francisco Bay this summer by building some boats. Maybe you could build one too and send us a photo of it.

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help fund historic preservation projects. The Museum building, and surrounding bleachers, were also repaired.

Along the way, the park produced hundreds of events and programs, from daily tours and talks, to weekend festivals and concerts. Major in-house exhibits included “Cargo is King” and “The Waterfront,” and the park worked with outside curators to produce shows like “Deepwater Steel” and “W.A. Coulter: A Master’s Brush With The Sea.”

Hyde Street Pier hosted visiting vessels like the *Princess Taiping* (a replica Ming Dynasty Junk), and welcomed long distance solo sailors, like Japanese adventurer Kenichi Horie aboard his *Mermaid III*, and France’s Isabelle Autissier in the *Ecureuil Poitou-Charentes 2*.

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Top, left, Poster advertising the annual sea music concert series now in its 25th year. Above, Park employees and kids from the Boys and Girls Club of SF, create a native plant garden at Aquatic Park, 2010.



Center, row, from above: New park Visitor Center and Argonaut Hotel opens to the public in the former Haslett Warehouse, 2003. Crew and volunteers celebrate scow schooner *Alma*’s 100th birthday with a ship-shaped cake, 1991. The television show “Nash Bridges” begins filming episodes on steam ferry *Eureka*, 1996.



Left, *Balclutha* moves to Hyde Street Pier, 1988. Above, the California Gold Rush Sesquicentennial is celebrated at the pier, 1999. Daguerreotype image circa 1850, with six miners. Photo: UC Berkeley, Bancroft Library.



The aloft program on *Balclutha* debuts, 1992. Park Rangers climb aloft in *Balclutha*’s rigging and demonstrate how to haul in the square sails and lash them to the yards. Check our website www.nps.gov/safr/25anniversary.htm for more information on events and programs happening throughout our 25th year.



Steam ferry *Eureka* in drydock for major restoration work, 1998.

Visitor Information

Dates and Hours of Operation:

Hyde Street Pier, located at Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30AM to 5PM. Last pier entry at 4:30PM.

Visitor Center, located at the corner of Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30AM to 5PM.

Maritime Museum (in the Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building), located on Beach Street at the foot of Polk Street. The building is open from 10AM to 4PM daily.

Maritime Library, located on the third floor of Building E in Fort Mason Center (auto entrance at Buchanan Street and Marina Blvd). The library is open Tuesday–Thursday, 1PM to 5PM. For other open hours call 415-561-7030 and visit www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/museum-collections.htm.

Contact Information
General Park Information: 415-447-5000
Pacific West Info Center: 415-447-0463
USS *Pampanito*: 415-775-1943
Park Website: www.nps.gov/safr
Association Website: www.maritime.org
Library Friends: www.maritimelibraryfriends.org

Entrance Fee for Historic Vessels: \$5
Free for supervised children under 16. Free with Federal Interagency Annual, Senior, Military, Access Passes, and San Francisco Maritime NHP Annual Pass.

No-Fee Areas
Visitor Center, Hyde Street Pier, Museum Building, Aquatic Park Historic Landmark District, and the Maritime Library (Fort Mason Center).

Reservations
Reservations for school groups and other educational groups must be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. Please call 415-292-6664.

Accessibility Information

Programs in the Visitor Center, on Hyde Street Pier, and in the library are accessible. Accessibility to programs on the ships varies. For detailed information, please call the Visitor Center, 415-447-5000.

Permits
Special Use Permits require at least a one month notice and application. Filming permits are arranged on an individual basis. Please call 415-561-7049.

Music, Tours, Events, Lectures and Living History

Please turn to the back page for today’s schedule.

NEW PROGRAM



CAPSTAN DEMONSTRATION
Saturdays, June 15, July 13 and August 10, 11-11:30AM. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission (under 16 free).
A capstan (a revolving cylinder with a ratchet) made several sailing ship chores possible. Find out how sailors used it for the heaviest pulling, such as raising the anchor. Join in and help us work the capstan if you wish. ☺

PROGRAMS

BIRDS OF THE BAY
Saturdays, June 8, July 20 and August 17, 10-11:30AM. Meet at the entrance to Hyde Street Pier. Free.
Meet at the entrance to Hyde Street Pier for this 90 minute walk. All levels are welcome with a brief orientation for new bird watchers. We will view water, shore, citified, and migratory birds on this easy stroll. An orientation to spotting birds, and to using guidebooks and binoculars is included. Dress in layers with sun hat and sunscreen. Bring your own guidebooks and binoculars if you have them. ☺

ANIMALS OF HYDE STREET PIER
June 1, 2, 1PM; June 28, 11AM; July 18, 28 11AM; August 15, 3PM; August 23, 24, 11AM. Meet at the end of Hyde Street Pier. Free. Times vary due to tides.
Come experience a whole different world you might not realize exists at Hyde Street Pier. Be prepared for squishy, slimy, and squirty creatures. ☺

CRAFTS FOR KIDS
Saturdays, June 29, July 27, and August 31, 3PM. Meet at the entrance to Hyde Street Pier. Free.
Want to learn a little about life at sea and try your hand at making a maritime craft? Come on down to the pier and join us! ☺

MARITIME STORY TIME: THE TALE OF HENRY AND HARRY
Saturday, June 1, 3:30-4PM. Meet in the Visitor Center. Free. Ages 6-12.
Join in this fun-filled, interactive program about two stowaway kittens aboard the *Balclutha*. Find out what it was like to be a feline sailor in 1887. ☺

CRITTERS AT SEA
Saturday, June 1, 1-1:30PM and 1:30-1:50PM. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission (under 16 free).
Learn about the important roles that domestic, farm, and exotic animals played in the lives of sea captains, sailors, and families at sea aboard seafaring vessels from the Age of Sail to the present. ☺

STEAM-POWERED DONKEY ENGINE DEMONSTRATION
Wednesdays, June 19, July 17 and August 21, 9:30AM-3PM engine running, 11AM ranger talk. Special date: Thursday, June 27, in honor of the park’s 25th anniversary. At the entrance to Hyde Street Pier. Free.
Join us for a demo and ranger talk about the donkey engine, used ashore and aboard ship for loading cargo, raising anchor and setting sails. Learn what is involved in steaming-up the boiler and operating this historic piece of machinery. ☺

ADVENTURES AT SEA: LIFE ABOARD A 19TH CENTURY SAILING SHIP
Daily, 2:15PM. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission (under 16 free).
Join a guided tour of the historic ship *Balclutha*. Discover the hardships and rewards of the sailors who fought for survival during the treacherous Cape Horn passage. ☺

HERCULES ENGINEERING TOUR
Sundays, June 23, July 21 and August 18, 2PM. Meet at the gangway on the Pier. Vessel admission (under 16 free). Tour includes climbing moderately steep ladders and entering cramped spaces.
Explore the major engineering spaces and learn about steam engine technology and its effects on the working environment of the marine steam engineer. ☺

TOUR OF THE WW II SUBMARINE USS PAMPANITO
June 4 and 20, July 16 and 25, and August 8 and 15, 2PM. Meet at the submarine located at Pier 45, Fisherman's Wharf. Call 415-775-1943 for ticket prices.
Join a park ranger for an on-board historic talk about this Balao-class submarine (SS-38). Now a museum and memorial, the vessel made six patrols in the Pacific during WWII. The talk will emphasize stories about dramatic events during those patrols.

HISTORIC WATERFRONT WALKING TOUR: FROM GOLD RUSH TO NATIONAL PARK
Saturdays and Sundays, 10:30-11:30AM. Meet in the Argonaut Hotel lobby (495 Jefferson St.), next to the Visitor Center. Free.
Stroll with a Park Ranger to discover the history of this vibrant area on this mile-long tour through the Aquatic Park Historic District, the Cannery, Hyde Street Pier, and “Fish Alley” at Fisherman’s Wharf. ☺

COSTUMED LIVING HISTORY

A DAY IN THE LIFE: 1901
Saturdays, June 8, July 13, and August 10, NOON-5PM. Aboard the historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission (under 16 free).
Step into the past as you board the historic ships and meet the sailors and citizens of San Francisco’s waterfront. Visit the ship’s cook in the galley, learn about life in 1901 from ferry passengers on *Eureka*, and join Mrs. Galan on the Ark houseboat for afternoon tea to discuss issues of the day. From 3-4pm, join the musical fun on *Balclutha* for the afternoon *dogwatch*, when sailors sang together during their rare leisure time aboard ship. For kids of all ages. In June, hear notable figures of 1901 at a Chautauqua. In July, witness a dramatic re-creation of the 1901 labor strike that shook the San Francisco waterfront. ☺

GOODBYE TO THE MARITIME NEWS

From The Editor
This will be the last issue of *The Maritime News*, but please don’t despair. We have lots of great alternatives! As we prepare the last issue, we are also working to improve our visitor information and outreach efforts. We will continue to offer many types of printed material, but keep a watch out for us as we set sail upon the social media sea in the near future. Past issues of the *News*, back to 2004, are also available on the park website, www.nps.gov/safr/parknews/archive.htm

The paper has included a “Collections Corner” feature, where we wrote about items from the park’s collections. Please check out *Full Fathom Five*, a blog written by our collections staff at www.fullfathomcollections.blogspot. Also, all articles from past *Maritime News* issues are available at www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/collectioncorner.htm

Please go to the **Schedule of Events**, www.nps.gov/safr/planyourvisit/events.htm, for an easy-to-use search feature to find out what’s happening in the park.

The back page of the *News* has always featured the **Page for Kids**. All past published activities are available at www.nps.gov/safr/forkids/parkfun.htm

And a very big, and heartfelt, THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the *News* over the years. I could not have done it without you. This includes employees from all divisions, docents, volunteers, my *News* Editorial Board, past and acting superintendents, the current superintendent and management team, and visitors “on the street,” so to speak. Thanks to all of you who contributed articles, photos, images, maps, graphic design, critiques, ideas, suggestions, and encouragement.

Come Sail With Us



Sail San Francisco Bay aboard the 19th century scow schooner *Alma*. Feel the waves, breathe the salt air, and take in dazzling views while park rangers tell stories about waterfront history. The vessel departs promptly from Hyde Street Pier at 12:30 pm and returns at 4 pm. Sailing dates: June 1, 8, 15, 20, 27, 29; July 3, 6, 11, 18, 20, 25, 27; August 1, 22, 24, 29, 31; Sept. 14, 21; October 5, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23. Call for ticket prices. Children age five and under ride for free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 415-447-5000 for more information.

Sea Music Festival On the Pier

BY PETER KASIN, PARK RANGER

Join us on Saturday, September 14, 9:30am–5:30pm, for a day and evening of traditional sea music from around the world.

See performances from stages on Hyde Street Pier and aboard historic floating vessels. Performers include Gordon Bok, Liz Carroll, William Pint and Felicia Dale, Jeff Warner, Holdstock and Macleod, Shay Black, Amelia Hogan, Rahiti Polynesian Dance Company, Salty Walt and the Rattlin’ Ratlines, Wilma Pang, Autumn Rhodes, Riggy Rackin, and many more.

The park’s costumed Living History players will be on Hyde Street Pier and aboard the historic vessels, demonstrating life on the waterfront in the year 1901.

Specially-themed workshops onboard the ferryboat *Eureka* will include Irish, English, Scottish, Chinese, and Italian musical traditions. Kids can enjoy craft-making onboard the ferry.

Music from stages on Hyde Street Pier are free. Ship admission fees, (\$5, 15 and under free) apply for activities on the historic ships. The pier and Visitor Center are open daily, 9:30am–5:30pm. ☺

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CHANTEY SING
Saturdays, June 1, July 6, & August 3, 8PM-MIDNIGHT. Free. Aboard a historic vessel at Hyde Street Pier. Reservations are required: call 415-561-7171 or peter_kasin@nps.gov.
Sing traditional working songs aboard a historic floating vessel. Bring a mug for hot cider served from the ship’s galley.

BEGINNING CHANTEY SINGING: A WORKSHOP
Saturday, August 17, 2-3:30PM. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Fee Free Day. Reservations required: call 415-561-7171 or peter_kasin@nps.gov.
If you want to learn about sea chanteys and start singing them, then this workshop is for you! Learning songs by ear emphasized but lyric sheets will be provided. ☺

COMING THIS FALL: THREE SEA MUSIC CONCERTS
Saturday evenings during September, October, and November, 2013. Aboard the historic ships. For information call, 415-561-7171.

AMERICA’S CUP SUMMER OF RACING

Be sure to cast a glance toward San Francisco Bay this summer. Fast-moving catamarans will be cutting up the Bay waters beginning July 4 and continuing through September 21. And San Francisco Maritime offers some great vantage points to take in the action of the Louis Vuitton Cup and the America’s Cup Finals (9/7-21).

Drop by the Maritime Museum for stunning views and an exhibit (coming this summer) about the history of yachting and racing on the Bay.

☺ FUN FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

Today In The Park

For more information about these programs, please turn to page three.

JUNE

- 1 Historic Waterfront Walking Tour (every Saturday)
- Animals of Hyde Street Pier
- Guided Tour of Balclutha (daily)
- Maritime Story Time
- Critters at Sea
- Chantey Sing
- 2 Historic Waterfront Walking Tour (every Sunday)
- Animals of Hyde Street Pier
- 4 USS Pampanito Tour
- 8 Birds of The Bay
- Costumed Living History on the Pier and musical fun for kids

- during the Dogwatch
- 15 Capstan Demonstration
- 19 Donkey Steam Engine Demo
- 20 USS Pampanito Tour
- 23 Hercules Engine Room Tour
- 27 25th Park Anniverary
- Fee Free Day
- Donkey Steam Engine Demo
- 28 Animals of Hyde Street Pier
- 29 Crafts For Kids

JULY

- 1 Guided Tour of Balclutha (daily)
- 6 Historic Waterfront Walking Tour (every Saturday)
- Chantey Sing
- 7 Historic Waterfront Walking Tour (every Sunday)
- 13 Capstan Demonstration
- Costumed Living History on the

- Pier and musical fun for kids during the Dogwatch
- 16 USS Pampanito Tour
- 17 Donkey Steam Engine Demo
- 18 Animals of Hyde Street Pier
- 20 Birds of the Bay
- 21 Hercules Engine Room Tour
- 25 USS Pampanito Tour
- 27 Crafts For Kids
- 28 Animals of Hyde Street Pier

AUGUST

- 1 Guided Tour of Balclutha (daily)
- 3 Historic Waterfront Walking Tour (every Saturday)
- Chantey Sing
- 4 Historic Waterfront Walking Tour (every Sunday)
- 6 USS Pampanito Tour

- 10 Capstan Demonstration
- Costumed Living History on the Pier and musical fun for kids during the Dogwatch
- 15 Animals of Hyde Street Pier
- USS Pampanito Tour
- 17 Birds of The Bay
- Beginning Chantey Singing Workshop
- 18 Hercules Engine Room Tour
- 21 Donkey Steam Engine Demo
- 23 Animals of Hyde Street Pier
- 24 Animals of Hyde Street Pier
- 25 Fee Free Day: Happy Birthday NPS
- 31 Crafts For Kids



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Page For Kids

By Kristal Ip, Park Guide

Summer is here at last, and that means sailing season has arrived! Two of the most exciting sailing activities at the park will be cheering the America’s Cup races and cruising San Francisco Bay on the scow schooner Alma. In between, try making your own sailboat at home!

Start with the basics. You’ll need a hull, which is the body of the boat. Next is a sail to catch some wind to move the boat. Then you’ll need a mast to hold up the sail and keep it attached to the hull.

Don’t forget to decorate and accessorize your boat! Use recycled materials, stickers, markers, paint, glitter, toothpicks, bottle caps, and other things you can find at home.

These are the boats we made at the park!



This is my juice box catamaran (a type of boat with two hulls instead of one), called The White Grape. Materials: two small juice boxes, popsicle sticks, craft glue, part of an old apron, skewer, electrical tape for decoration.



This is another example of a catamaran that was built by Arlo Rucker, the son of Captain Jason Rucker of the Alma. Materials: skewers, duct tape with a splatter pattern, scotch tape, different colors of tissue paper and construction paper.



Here is Coconut Dream, a two-masted schooner with a pair of four-cornered sails. Materials: medium juice box, two skewers, part of an old apron, electrical tape for decoration, and inside the boat is a small scoop of sand to keep it stable in the water. Check out sailing ship rigs here, museum.gov.ns.ca/mma/AtoZ/rigs.html



The Maggie, a sloop with mainsail and jib and optional out-board engine. Material: plastic water bottle, chopstick, drinking straw, balloon, old apron, sand for ballast. (The boat builder is also designing a square-sail rig that might work better with the outboard.)

Now it's your turn! Create your own design or use one of our boats as a guide. Send us a picture of your boat and we'll put it on our website! Happy Summer!

Email a picture of your boat to the editor, cbaird@nps.gov.

